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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL ALL OFFICERS INVITED ATTENDED SOVIET RECEPTION ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HITLERIAN FASCISM ON MAY 9. WE ALSO ATTENDED FILM AT SOVIET EMBASSY ON MAY 13 WHICH ASCRIBED ALLIED VICTORY IN WW II ALMOST ENTIRELY TO SOVIET EFFORTS. YUGOSLAVS, INCENSED AT FILM SEQUENCES SHOWING SOVIET TANKS COLUMNS LIBERATING YUGOSLAVIA, SHOWED COUNTER FILM ENTITLED BATTLE OF WERETVA RIVER ON MAY 27. NOW SOVIETS HAVE INVITED EMBASSY OFFICERS TO SEE "LA NEIGE CHAUDE" AGAIN "ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF HITLERISM FASCISM".

2. SINCE LAST FILM WAS COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED AND SINCE FILM SHOWINGS RELATING TO DEFEAT OF FASCISM ARE GOING TO UNREASONABLE LENGTHS, I AM INCLINED PERSONALLY NOT TO GO AND TO LEAVE IT UP TO OTHER EMBOFFS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, I REALIZE THAT LARGER CONSIDERATIONS MAY INDICATE ANOTHER COURSE OF ACTION. PLEASE INSTRUCT.DALE

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